

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SECTOR BY KAZAKHSTAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kazakhstan has sought help of Indian oil and gas firms in the development of its energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details of agreements signed between both the countries in this regard;
- (c) whether ONGC-Videsh propose to explore possibilities of oil and gas fields in Karazhanbas sea; and
- (d) if so, the benefits likely to accrue to ONGC on this particular assignment?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) & (b): In the Fourth meeting of the Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Commission held in New Delhi on 11.2.2002, both sides recognized the expertise and competence of services being offered by the Indian oil companies, such as Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.(IOC), Gas Authority of India Ltd.(GAIL) and Engineers India Ltd.(EIL). However, no agreement in this regard had been signed with Kazakhstan side.

(c) & (d): Participation of ONGC-Videsh Ltd. in the tender for Karazhanbas-sea block depends on the results of the techno-economic studies.